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Tournament attracts more views than Superbowl



Photo courtesy of LoL eSports

League of Legends world championship was held in Berlin, Germany this year.

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Throngs of video game enthusiasts choked on anticipation as they witnessed a virtual

battle worth \$1 million dollars. Saturday morning at 4 a.m. over 650 students and avid video game fans converged at the Dave and Buster's in Mission Valley. The reason: The San Diego League

of Legends World Championship Viewing Party hosted by University of San Diego eSports and Triton Gaming. League of Legends is arguably the most popular video game in the world

and the World Championship, held in Berlin this year, featured a grand prize of over \$1 million. The tournament is a bracket style playoff featuring head-to-head matches. **See ESPORTS, Page 2**

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Searching for solutions

Senator hopeful focuses on education reform

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Solutions through innovation. That is how republican Duf Sundheim says he plans to change the nation if he is elected as the next California senator in 2016. With themes of education reform and economic relief, Sundheim plans to create change in Washington.

"Too many people are seeing the issues from partisan perspectives, and we now have a professional political class on both sides that are controlling the debate," Sundheim said. "That's been the type of situation where I come in, find the common sense solution, and drive it. I think that is what's needed in Washington today."

Sundheim is not the only choice for voters in the 2016 election. As of now he is running against three Democrats and five other Republicans. The chair was previously occupied by democrat Barbara Boxer, who is retiring in 2016.

Sundheim's resume includes four years as chairman of the Republican party and 14 years as a mediator for GPS Mediation. During his time as chairman, Sundheim oversaw the only successful recall of a governor in California.

If he is elected senator, Sundheim plans to approach the job the same way he mediates. His approach is different than current party politics in Washington.

"Make sure we bring

everybody to the table, treat everybody with respect, listen to what their concerns are, and then see how we move forward together," Sundheim said. "And that's how I think we make effective change."

One of the major focuses of Sundheim's campaign is education reform. He believes the education system in California is outdated, and based on methods that date back to the 1800s.

"For a college student there are two major problems," Sundheim said. "Affordability, and whether the education they're receiving now is preparing them for the jobs of tomorrow."

Students at private institutions such as USD are affected by the issue of affordability.

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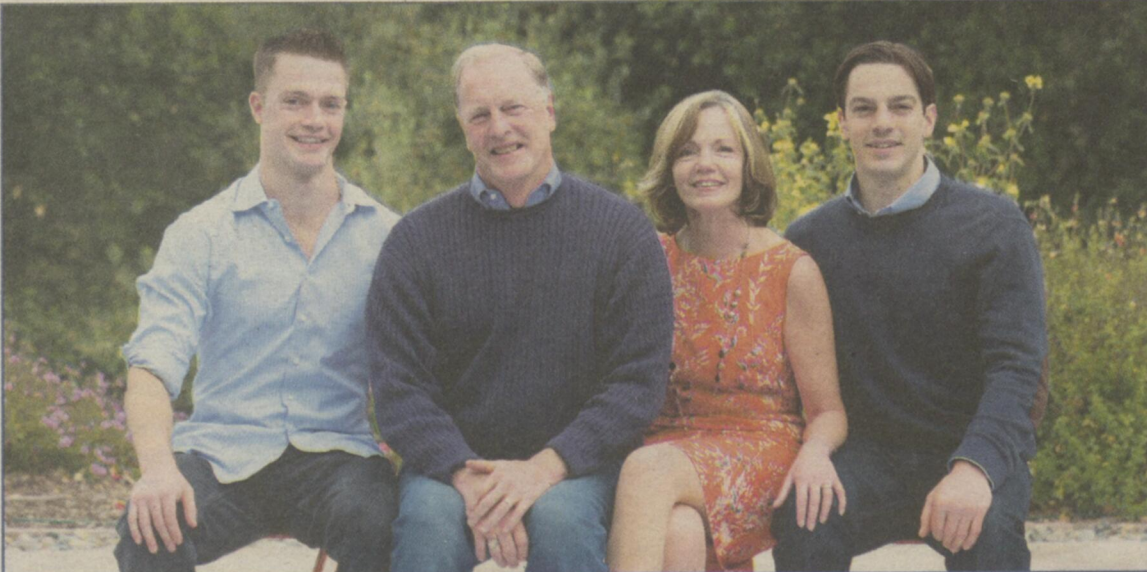


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Duf Sundheim draws support from his family throughout his senatorial campaign.

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It's okay to have a low sketch tolerance



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Discomfort jolted the hairs on the nape of my neck awake. While he grew comfortable for the evening, I grew agitated. Settling in my stomach, discomfort and I trudged along an empty street in Austin, Texas. With each obedient stride, we followed five friends into the dark. Away from city lights, the shadows of strangers dwindled as we strayed from the path.

The six of us took a detour before returning to the traffic of night-life and the promise of setting alarm clocks. Down some vacant streets we sauntered, in search of the infamous graffiti wall. With each turn, around each corner, I saw no more than three people. After following the GPS into the greater depths of darkness, we needed to make one more turn.

Behind a building, next to a dimly lit street, sat the graffiti wall. Just as I grew more anxious someone jokingly said, "Is this where we die?"

But despite the tighter grip that discomfort held on my stomach, I followed.

Pause. At this moment, I am sure others would have been teeming with excitement. A dark street, past 10 at night, in a new city, might be enough to get the blood flowing.

However, I felt unsure of my inhibitions. The feeling in my stomach told me to be cautious.

For some this is exciting. But the phrase, "this is not my scene," was invented by someone who felt the exact way I felt: insecure. For me there was no exhilaration, no adrenaline. There were none of those traits that people feel when they balance on the edge. Because for me, balancing on the edge of security and uncertainty, felt more like I was preventing myself from drowning rather than flying.

Play. We approached this graffiti wall, shrouded in uncertainty. I swiveled my head from side to side staying alert for any other sign of human activity. A distant group of people climbed into their truck and drove away. After a picture, we remedied the grasp that discomfort held, and we left.

We all have different vehicles that make our blood boil with the perfect concoction of danger and excitement. I have yet to find the perfect recipe for such a mixture. But I am not looking for that thrill right now. We all have different tolerances of what we will do and what we won't. And while mine may be different than others, I am perfectly happy with that. It is okay to have caution. While you may not always need it, you never want to be caught without it.

SKT wins League of Legends world championship

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head matches between teams playing a best out of five series. The final matchup of the tournament featured two South Korean teams, SK Telecom T1 (SKT) and KOO Tigers (KOO). SKT was heavily favored having not lost a single game all tournament. SKT came out strong winning the first two games and it seemed all but over. KOO was able to take back a game but SKT was too much for them to handle and rebounded quickly to win the championship three games to one.

League of Legends is just one of many competitive games played in eSports. League of Legends averages over 27 million users daily. Although the game is not streamed on TV in the U.S. it is broadcasted in several European and Asian countries as well as streamed online to millions of viewers. Although this year's viewing numbers have not been released, last year's World Championships brought in over 32 million viewers. For comparison, last year's most viewed NBA finals game was just over 23 million viewers, the most viewed

game of the NHL final 8 million, and this year's World Series has peaked at 14 million views.

The game's popularity is puzzling to some, but junior Kanan Choquette thinks he knows why the industry is growing stronger every year and why people are so attracted to the game.

"It's tons of fun to watch for the same reasons we go to a football game, but different in the fact that we can all achieve and recreate the plays being made in these games," Choquette said. "An important difference to me is that people are watching eSports because they're not only entertaining, just like professional sports, but it's also the fact that people are watching these [streams] to get better at the game."

With the growing popularity of eSports abroad the U.S. is not far behind, with college students leading the way. The USD Vista covered the 2013 League of Legends world championship and interviewed members of USD's own eSports club. The eSports club, which was founded in Fall of 2011, was one of USD's smaller and more unknown clubs with only about 40 members. This semester the USD's eSports club, just like eSports themselves, has shown that they have come a long way from their humble beginnings. USD eSports now has approximately 270 members and is continuing to grow. Choquette first joined the club during the 2013 viewing of the League of Legends World Championship.

"This year's event was much larger than I expected and a great deal for how much we got out of it," Choquette said. "It

was a ton of fun and 100 percent worth the \$28 admittance ticket."

At the event attendees were treated to free game cards, unlimited food, drinks, coffee, gift bags, and more.

The club has played a major role in hosting eSports events such as helping create and see through the San Diego viewing party of the League of Legends World Championship, which was originally planned to be hosted on USD's campus.

USD eSports does not limit themselves to just League of Legends. They participate and host competitions for many other games ranging from Call of Duty and Counter Strike to Super Smash Brothers, Fifa, and much more. A unique aspect of USD eSports is they do not simply limit the competitions to USD but they are one of only a handful of USD clubs that actively participate in events with neighboring universities such as San Diego State University, Point Loma Nazarene University, and the University of California San Diego. USD eSports are also bringing in the local community such as eSports organizations like LANDiego, San Diego LAN, and Triton Gaming. On Nov. 21, USD eSports will be hosting their 2nd annual USD eSports Invitational which will bring in teams from the local area to crown the best League of Legends team in San Diego.

The recent success of USD eSport's events shows that the club is here to stay. With new members joining every week and a community spreading far off USD's campus, USD eSports has no signs of slowing down.

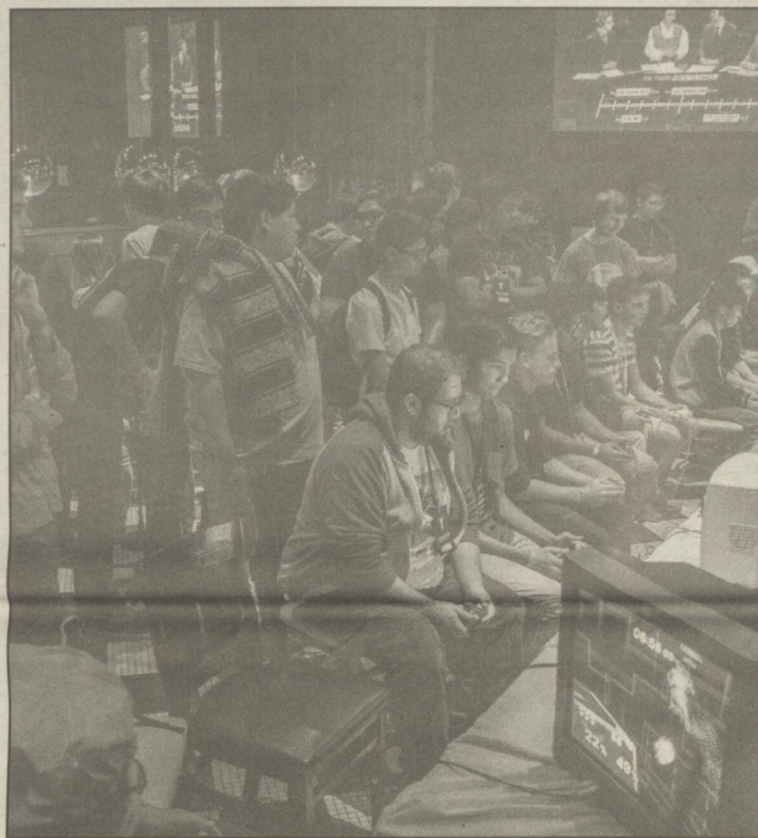


Photo courtesy of Leslie Tong/Facebook
Students from USD eSports, and Triton Gaming watched the League of Legends world championship, at Dave and Buster's in Mission Valley.

News in a nutshell

GOP Debate:

The third GOP debate took place last week in Boulder, Colorado. Donald Trump, Carly Fiorina, Ben Carson, and Jeb Bush were just a few of the presidential candidates who took the stage. The debate covered numerous topics ranging from fantasy football to tax reform. Since the debate, CNBC moderators have been criticized for being biased.

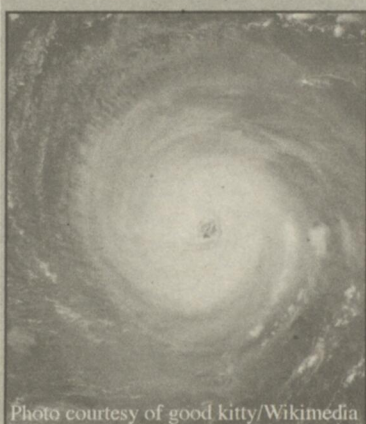


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Hurricane Patricia:

Reports of the most disastrous hurricane ever died down after the threat of imminent danger ceased.

The hurricane's classification was reduced to a category five, but still poses danger to the Mexican coast.

Transgender rights:

A transgender student was barred from the girls locker room this week, at a school in Illinois. The school's actions violated the latest legislation that stated that transgender people must be treated equally. Since the conflict the school has been given 30 days to determine their course of action. If they do not reach a decision the school could face punishment, which would result in defunding of their Title IX funds.

Black Lives Matter:

A Middletown, Connecticut college newspaper came under fire after a controversial article. The Wesleyan University paper, The Argus, lost more than half of their funding after a controversial opinion editorial regarding the Black Lives Matter movement. Bryan Stascavage, the author of the article, did not support the movement. He believes that the

movement unfairly criticizes the police force.



Photo courtesy of Proshob/Wikimedia

Instagram star confession:

When Australian Instagram star, Essena O'Neill, shut down her social media accounts and changed their names to "Social Media is not Real Life" she blew up social media. O'Neill had thousands of followers on her social media sites, and was paid for wearing certain clothes and supporting certain trends. O'Neill posted a video Nov. 2, where she explained how she believes her life to be meaningless as she relies on how many likes she gets to

measure her happiness.

Chipotle E.coli outbreak:

Chipotle shut down 43 stores this week as E.coli was found in some of their Oregon and Washington locations. Contaminated produce is what officials are currently saying is the culprit. The fecal oral disease has sickened 37 people so far.

Royals win world series:

The Kansas City Royals defeated the New York Mets in the World Series. The Royals led the series four to one. This past Sunday, in Flushing New York, the Royals beat the Mets 7-2.

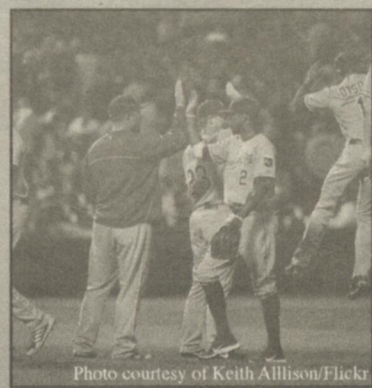


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PUBLIC SAFETY

Oct. 27

Location: Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice

At approximately 10:35 a.m., Public Safety responded to a report of a skateboard that had been stolen while on campus. Upon investigation it was reported that an Arbor Board skateboard with a bamboo finish was taken from inside a classroom.

Oct. 27

Location: Camino Hall Bike Rack

At approximately 10:13 p.m., Public Safety responded to a report of a bicycle that had been stolen while on campus. Upon investigation it was reported that a Scott Roadster bike with a beige/tan frame was secured with a cable combination lock to a bike rack and was taken between 12 p.m., on Oct. 13 and 2 p.m., on Oct. 18.

Oct. 27

Location: Camino Hall

At approximately 11:19 p.m., Public Safety responded to a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a resident hall room. Upon investigation one resident student was cited for possession of marijuana.

UNDER INVESTIGATION

Oct. 30

Location: Cuyamaca Hall

At approximately 8:35 p.m., Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated individual on campus. Upon investigation the individual was contacted, identified as a resident student and evaluated. The individual was referred for Minor in Possession of alcohol.

Nov. 1

Location: San Antonio de Padua

Shortly after 7 p.m., Public Safety responded to a report of a headlight and taillight that were taken from a bicycle that was on campus. Upon investigation it was reported that the theft occurred between 3 p.m., on Oct. 22 and 5 p.m., on Oct. 29.

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Sundheim looks to innovate

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"The people that don't have the means, they get the scholarships, and the people at the high end can afford the tuition," Sundheim said. "The people that get socked time after time are the people in the middle. They either have to pay the full freight and really put their family in a difficult situation, or take out loans, which makes them impossible for them to then achieve the financial goals that they have for 10, 20 years."

Sundheim also believes that the solution to this problem does not lie with pointing fingers at institutions or people of power. Instead, he suggests providing better information to potential college students.

"What I'm saying is look let's unleash the potential that we have in the country," Sundheim said. "So the fundamental issue is, do you believe the answer lies with some unelected official three-thousand miles away, or lie in the hearts and the imaginations of the people? I think it's the latter."

In regard to young, college-aged voters, Sundheim wants to open up the lines of

communication between the people and the government.

"[My smartphone] gives me the ability to target people irrespective of who they are, what they are, where they are, or what they think," Sundheim said. "As long as they interact with me, they will have a voice and my goal is to give them a voice."

As part of his campaign, Sundheim has listened to young adults and found out what concerns they have.

"What we're hearing is the college affordability and there's anxiety if the education they're getting is preparing them for 21st century jobs," Sundheim said. "There are also a lot of people in that age bracket that aren't concerned about that. But we have the ability to say 'okay, if that's important to you, then let's have a discussion.'"

Sundheim wants to focus his campaign on listening to the concerns of his constituents and giving back advice to those voters, creating solutions that they can apply to their lives.

These solutions through innovation apply to all levels of education, not just college students. Through implementation of the use of technology in classrooms, Sundheim believes that schools can

unlock the potential of education.

"In today's era of technology, what should be happening [in classrooms], we should get the best in the world, or the best in the country, watch it on your phone and then use the tremendous skills that our teachers have to actually teach and interact with students," Sundheim said.

Through experience working with education reform in California, Sundheim found that there was a large disconnect between enthusiasm of students at the elementary school level and the high school level. When he looked at the parents of these students, many had an average education level of the third grade.

"My view is we need to shift power away from the institutions to the individuals, the communities, the teachers," Sundheim said. "We have a problem, here are our resources, and bringing them together to create a solution. That will be my approach not only to the education issue but to the broader problems we face as a society."

Sundheim and his opponents have many months of campaigning ahead of them. Students can follow the race through the individual campaign websites and social media.

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Campus Training Announcement

Campus Emergency Procedures Review and Guidance for Surviving an Active Shooter Situation

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#wordsfromthewindowseat



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On the way to and from Austin, Texas, I left handwritten notes taped to plane windows. One read, "You are so loved and worthy," and the other said, "The best is yet to come."

I said a little prayer for the person who would sit next in 22B and 14A, my seats during my flights. I prayed that the words on the window would breathe life into its next occupant. I prayed that the person might feel as loved, worthy, and beautiful as he or she inherently is. I prayed that the person might experience grace amidst so much stress and chaos of traveling through the airport.

If there's one place where we desperately need a little extra love, it's when we're stuck in the same small seat for a five hour flight. Traveling isn't a simple task. From long lines at security to crying babies wanting sleep, flying is survival of the fittest.

On another flight, on another day, on a piece of scrap paper, taped to a plane window with blue masking tape, are the words "Be kind to one another." These words are all a part of Taylor Tippett's #wordsfromthewindowseat movement.

Tippett is an American Airlines flight attendant sharing thoughtful words of affirmation to passengers. Many follow in her footsteps, posting a picture and sharing the hashtag. Jeff Bethke, speaker and spoken word artist, shared the hashtag, posting a picture with the words "There is grace for you." Bethke inspired me to share grace by joining in this movement.

#wordsfromthewindowseat started with a quote from Tippett's favorite book, "How to Be an Explorer of the World," by Keri Smith. She taped a note to a plane window saying, "You're already invited." As Tippett has said about her life, if we aren't inspiring and lifting up others, we're wasting our lives.

We might all imagine sitting down in the window seat and sliding the shade open to words of hope and encouragement. In that moment of overwhelming chaos and being cramped in a confined space, we can breathe new life for our adventure or vacation. When we open the window to an unexpected handwritten note, a flood of love washes over us.

At the end of the day, we are all human. We desire love and attention, or someone to tell them they're doing it right and that they are good, not just enough. Humans living in the messy middle of life, from worthy and loved to insecure and not good enough.

If we can be the reason that someone smiles and feels worthy with a few words of inspiration, we must share these words more.

The meat of the matter

USD discusses the health risks associated with meat

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 COPY EDITOR

Living healthy and eating well are important aspects of being a student here at the University of San Diego.

USD promotes a healthy lifestyle through its exercise classes, Outdoor Adventures programs, and many food options available in the dining areas.

As is common among young adults in today's ever-changing and heavily influential society, I have changed my dietary habits a lot over the past few years. Through the vegetarianism, pescatarianism, and clean eating periods of my life, I've made it my goal to stay informed on the current research supporting my decisions.

Recently, there has been a lot of speculation and buzz surrounding the subject of what's being put in our meat, and consequently, what we are putting in our bodies.

Last week, the World Health Organization (WHO) sent out a press release which stated the cancerous effects of consuming red meat and processed meats. While red meat may be linked to the disease, processed meats have been scientifically proven to cause colon cancer.

"The experts concluded that each 50 gram portion of processed meat eaten daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer by 18 percent," the press release said.

That statistic is astounding, especially taking into consideration the amount

the risk of cancer caused by meat, especially in comparison to cancer from tobacco. The International Agency for Research on Cancer compiled evidence for the study. They reported that, even though processed meat is directly linked to deaths caused by cancer, it is not as dangerous as using tobacco products.

This year, deaths from cancer associated with high-meat diets were estimated at 34,000, while those from cancer caused from tobacco were around one million. To say eating processed meat is as bad as smoking cigarettes would be an exaggeration, but these numbers are still something to cause concern.

The intake of processed meat is something many people were aware of even before the study was released. However, the study's findings have confirmed the risk, making the issue even more prevalent.

Senior Jonathan Maresca shared his thoughts on the presence of processed meat in daily consumption.

"Meat has been a staple of my diet for my entire life and humans have used meat as a source of vital energy, vitamins, and nutrients for thousands of years," Maresca said. "Even so, meat was never meant to be produced in such a massive global scale and preserved for weeks or months on grocery store shelves. [...] I believe that naturally-raised, unprocessed livestock eaten in moderation is key."

We've heard it said that we are what we eat. But what if

"We've heard it said that we are what we eat. But what if what we eat is also what we are?"

of processed meats and food in general that Americans consume. An average hot dog weighs about 38 grams, and the famous Los Angeles Dodger Dog totals 77 grams. According to these findings, these favorites of tailgates, family barbeques, and easy summer meals have been identified as contributors to expedited mortality.

Since the information was released, there have been concerns about the severity of

what we eat is also what we are?

A recent study completed by Clear Food, a research group, revealed that two percent of hot dogs and sausages from the brands tested contained human DNA.

While such a small percentage is usually something easily shrugged off, this one can't be. It is absurd that we should find any traces of human DNA in our food.

The study also showed that 10 percent of vegetarian



Nora Brewington/The USD Vista

products contained some traces of meat. This raises questions for people on special diets who buy these products and unknowingly consume the very ingredients they are trying to avoid.

Junior Ileane Polis has been a pescatarian, a person who eats fish but not red or white meat, for a year, and wasn't surprised by these findings.

"I'm so grossed out by the fact that there's human DNA in stuff in general, though I'm not surprised by the meat in supposedly vegetarian products," Polis said. "Many plants that process meat products process non-meat products on the same machines, so it's kind of expected."

With all of this research hitting the fan at the same time, it brings to light some of the major issues in today's food-centric world.

College students especially tend to lean toward buying easy-to-make processed and packaged foods. We lead busy lives, so sometimes a fry-in-a-pan sausage or veggie burger seems to be a better option than preparing and cooking an elaborate meal from scratch.

USD offers options for healthier food on campus,

many of which are meat-free or contain non-processed meat.

Maresca said that, when looking for something to eat at one of the locations on campus, he feels confident that there are healthy options.

"La Paloma's Tuna Nicoise salad, SLP's Rosemary Chicken sandwich, Tu Mercado's Caprese, etc. all offer unprocessed meat options," Maresca said.

"Of course, there is room for improvement. The school does not advertise whether their red meat is grass-fed or generally processed in any capacity. [...] An increase in the unprocessed meats and vegetarian options is a crucial step in light of the WHO study."

While bombarded with information about what eating healthy means or doesn't mean, it is important to focus on the facts. A healthy diet varies from individual to individual, but knowing what is in our food is key to knowing what we are doing to our bodies.

Fortunately, there are options available on campus for non-processed meals and for all the various dietary restrictions. Taking a little more time to think about what you pick up at the store can lead to major health benefits in the long run.

Music for the ages: how Hozier is changing mainstream music

USD students reflect on the superstar's contributions to the music world

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Soulful lyrics of heartache and hardship swirl through the stadium. Guitar riffs from another decade radiate from the stage. Mesmerized, the audience stares in awe, swinging to the beat

and singing along to the tunes.

Earlier last month, Toreros paid a visit to our college neighbor, San Diego State University, to hear Hozier at the CalCoast Credit Union Open Air Theatre. This was Hozier's first headliner gig in San Diego, giving University

of San Diego students a chance to hear the radio hit artist live.

Senior Hayley Park was among the Toreros in attendance at Hozier's premiere performance.

"Hozier was by far one of the best concerts I've seen," Park said. "He plays the guitar

with such ease, it almost seems an extension of himself. I love the blues elements he adds to his music. One of the reasons I enjoyed the concert was it wasn't too loud; there was a nice balance between the vocals

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Hozier's Irish Invasion on Billboard's Top 40

How the obscure artist reached students' ears at USD

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and instrumentals, and I could hear everything with clarity."

The headliner brought another act from abroad along. Little Green Cars, a Dublin-based group famous for their hit "The John Wayne," was his opening act. While Park was unfamiliar with the opener, she said she was pleasantly surprised by Hozier's choice.

"I had never heard of Little Green Cars before, but I was blown away with their performance as well," Park said. "Their harmonies and the often dark subject matter of their songs sparked something in me that most American mainstream music doesn't usually do."

The Irish singer's overwhelming success on American mainstream pop scene baffles the American music industry. Hozier refers to himself as an obscure artist. He never expected to belong to any big name record label or be heard on any popular radio station.

However, after being picked up by Columbia Records, Hozier is taking the mainstream world by storm. According to Billboard, Hozier has spent 17 weeks on the U.S. Top 40, peaking at no. 2#2.

From Billboard charts to

Rolling Stones headlines, it's no surprise that Hozier's popularity packs sold-out venues of dedicated fans. His rising popularity in the mainstream music world is clear to anyone who turns on the radio to hear the popular ballad "Take Me To Church."

We live in a time where the Top 40 is plagued by electronic beats and autotuned vocals. How has such an obscure artist made his way into the hearts of mainstream American music?

According to Rolling Stone, Justin Eshak of Columbia Records predicted Hozier's potential on the pop landscape. Once he saw the musician's first music video, Eshak found himself on a flight out to Dublin to try to sign the artist. After witnessing Hozier's YouTube views skyrocket and studying his Irish

pop scene, helping Hozier's breakthrough of foreign tunes.

"If you'd taken a song with a slow tempo and a heavy subject matter to a Top 40 a year ago, they would have looked at

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you like you were crazy," Eshak said. "But there has been a shift due to artists like Sam Smith. The music is connecting because when it gets on the air it's a such a sharp juxtaposition to the existing material on Top 40 radio."

Park agreed with Eshak's observation. She said that she attributes Hozier's popularity to the sincerity that bleeds into his songs.

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iTunes chart domination, Eshak decided to take a calculated risk with faith in the Irish tenor.

Eshak said that he believes current American artists have begun to shift the stagnant

"I think the reason why he's become a huge success in a short time is his humble attitude given the fact that he's extremely talented," Park said. "Hozier truly puts on a performance,

but he does so by simply commanding the stage with his presence. He doesn't try hard to be something, unlike most pop singers these days, he simply is himself and I think people

really appreciate his sincerity."

Although he is less traditional than his Hollywood peers, Hozier has many famous fans, including Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, and Adele. These artists are in the audience at many of his shows and have endorsed the musician in interviews and on social media.

With both Sheeran's and Adele's U.K. roots, their support for their Irish neighbor might not come as a huge shock. However, Swift's approval seems to be more surprising. The American artist has dominated the Billboard charts with hundreds of hits, famously shifting from country to pop tunes. While the two have very diverse sounds, having Swift on his side may have helped blossom Hozier's stardom success.

Park linked his stardom success on U.S. music scene with his insightful and inspiring sound.

"His lyrics are thought-provoking, and his music leaves you wanting more," Park said. "To me, his music is deeper and more sincere than music I usually hear on the radio. He's inspiring."

With an untraditional music taste myself, I can't say with certainty how Hozier has been able to garner so much success among mainstream American audiences. While I discovered the artist on American radio, my semester abroad in Cork, Ireland, sparked my interest in his album. My Irish classmates raved to me about him, but the news was not new: Hozier has been on the Irish music scene for awhile. His success has helped promote lesser known Irish bands, such as his opener for the SDSU show, Little Green Cars.

I propose that, with his talent and initial reviews, he will surpass any one-hit-wonder predictions with skyrocketing success. He reminds me of a modernized version of the infamous Beatles story, pointing to signs of an Irish invasion in the coming years.

For now, I'm content listening to the soulful blues on Spotify with my USD classmates. Yet I still wonder how the "Take Me to Church" Irish ballad broke through the guarded gates of U.S. Billboard Top 40 charts.

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Gone Camping



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FEATURE EDITOR

Joshua Tree National Park is located in the California desert region just three hours north and central from San Diego. This National Park is expansive, combining two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado.

Joshua Tree is well known for its fascinating plant variety, grand geological structures, and animal diversity.

I joined approximately 65 USD students in a weekend trip to Joshua Tree, commonly known as JTree. The weekend was filled with rock climbing, hiking, beer, bonding, and sleeping under the stars. It was a much-needed getaway. Not only did I see some incredible rock climbing and form new friendships, but I also experienced an area of California that I had yet to explore.

The memories I have from growing up camping with my family strongly and positively affected my childhood and continue to do so today. Although camping is less frequent these days, whenever I get the chance to do so, I try my best to act on it.

USD students have been traveling to Joshua Tree for some time and many students have already done a number of trips this fall semester. I think it is important for students to know that you do not have to be a member of Outdoor Adventures or Rock Climbing Club to jump in on trips. Joshua Tree is a great place to ride bikes, go for a run, sun tan, and simply get to know new people.

Unfortunately, one of my close friends got injured after falling from a 17-foot boulder, cutting our trip a day short. Thankfully, my friend is okay. Although this type of injury is fairly uncommon, it is still important to mention. When camping, there are dangerous elements that can present themselves, especially out in the desert where there is no service and minimal first aid care. Although the injury caused our trip to end sooner rather than later, we still had a full day and night of good times.

I encourage USD students to get involved in small trips, such as the JTree excursion. You never know what it can lead to. I've met so many great people, hiked along beautiful land, witnessed unbelievable strength, and realized that scary situations can and do occur out in the wilderness.

All of these experiences aren't nearly as fun or worthwhile without peers and people to share it with. I highly recommend Joshua Tree and all other outdoor adventure trips.

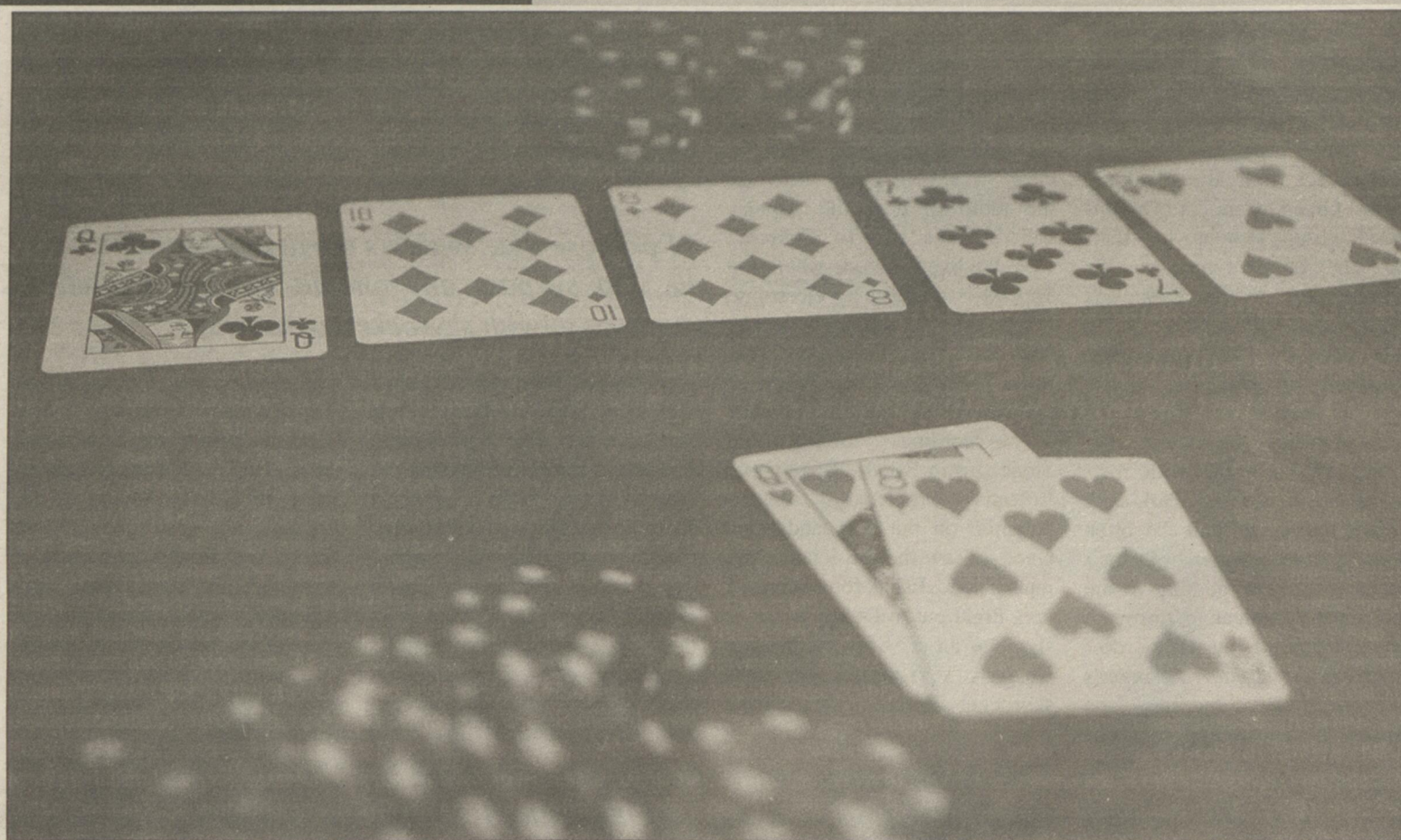


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Two people at the end of a poker match, showing their cards and seeing who gets to take home the money.

Poker playing professor

USD chemistry professor, James Bolender, finds utility and success in poker playing

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For those of you who frequent the Shiley Center for Science and Technology or study chemistry or biochemistry, you're most likely familiar with Professor James Bolender. If you're also the type of student who likes to get to know your professors through visiting office hours or talking after class, you may be aware of something about Professor Bolender that most students don't know: he is an extremely impressive poker player.

Bolender is originally from Lindenhurst, Illinois. He spent his undergraduate years at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio and then went on to complete graduate school at the University of Virginia. He finally ended up at University of San Diego in 1996 and has been here ever since, becoming

the Director of Honors for science majors from 2006-2008.

"Even though I'm from the East Coast, San Diego has become my home," Bolender said. "My daughter now attends USD and my son is currently attending school at Palomar College."

"When a lot is on the line, there is something about taking it seriously and getting your mind to do the math."

-Bolender, PhD

San Diego is also the place where his poker interests began. As a young kid, Bolender enjoyed playing cards, and in high school his group of friends had the occasional poker night. However, during his years in San Diego, specifically in 2003, is when the frequent playing started. He initially began watching poker

on television and realized that he could possibly be successful at it. Much of his skill set and practice comes from participating in an online gambling organization, which allowed him to enjoy the game as a personal hobby.

Bolender ended his

Bolender said. "It involves a large amount of reasoning skills and being able to read people which can be beneficial in the political world as well."

For students that may want to get involved with poker, Bolender advises to not play for money until they have learned and received an adequate amount of experience. In addition, he believes that the game can help students to learn about life in the real world, as well as give them the chance to deal with decision making under stressful conditions.

Poker often times brings with it a certain gambling stigma that isn't always seen in a positive light. However, it is important to look at this game from an alternative perspective. Bolender does just that. He legitimizes the game and successfully shows that Poker can have many beneficiaries that are often overlooked. A few of these benefits include neurological

period of online poker playing in 2008, and turned to a new group of male acquaintances and continued to play in a local league. He did very well and eventually went on to participate in the World Series of Poker in 2012. Out of 2,500 participants, he finished in 72nd place.

Ontop of his many successes, he believes that there are several mental benefits of poker.

"Poker is relatable to game theory and asking the questions like, 'Is this a good investment?' It involves a large amount of reasoning skills..."

-Bolender, PhD

"When a lot is on the line, there is something about taking it seriously and getting your mind to do the math," Bolender said.

He also believes there are many other benefits involving real life social situations and decision making.

"Poker is relatable to game theory and asking the questions like, 'Is this a good investment?'"

stimulation, mathematical skills, and the ability to read someone else's thoughts through their nonverbal expressions.

To learn more about this impressive poker playing professor, consider taking one of Bolender's classes in an upcoming semester. Who knows? Maybe you'll learn a few new poker tips, too.



Photo Courtesy of Bolender, PhD

Bolender, PhD in the midst of a poker match.



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Ocean Beach pier is a popular attraction for locals, visitors, and surfers along the San Diego coast.

The best of Ocean Beach

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San Diego is known by many for having some of the best food, live music, outdoor activities, and holiday happenings. Each of these characteristics contribute to the aesthetic and appeal of the many areas and neighborhoods of San Diego. Some of these places include Coronado, North Park, Pacific Beach, La Jolla, Mission Beach, and Birdrock. A favorite among the locals and even visitors, is the infamously eclectic and lively Ocean Beach.

Ocean Beach, located just

across the jetty from Mission Beach, south of Pacific Beach, and more coastal than North Park, offers locals and visitors a unique cultural feel. This is easily noticeable from simply walking around Newport Avenue, Cable street, and along the coastal, beach front.

There are many individuals, including college students, who perceive Ocean Beach as grimy and stricken with homeless people.

However, the many restaurants, hidden beaches, live music joints, Wednesday farmers market, bars, and the unique individuals who reside in this area

all make for a fun and interesting neighborhood.

No Surf Beach along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard is a hot spot for people looking to swim, run around with their dogs, and get away from the chaos of a larger beach area. No Surf is a little alcove of sand and water that you have to climb down to, but once you make it, there is plenty of space to spread out. Also, it is adjacent to the famous cliff jumping spot, which attracts many younger individuals.

The OB Farmers Market is one of the main attractions, which brings people out to Ocean Beach. Every Wednesday between 4 p.m.

to 8 p.m. locals and visitors can purchase fresh produce, shop homemade products, listen to live music, and eat delicious food unique to the market. This is an awesome opportunity to mingle with locals, get to know shop owners, and experience the relaxing vibes of Ocean Beach.

Another attraction of Ocean Beach is the OB Dog Beach. This is sacred land for dog owners, bringing in many people from outside the area because of how few beaches allow dogs all hours of the day. Dog Beach is where dogs are allowed to run free without leashes, swim in the water, and socialize with other

dogs. The only rule is owners must watch their dogs fervently, making sure to pick up after them once they've done their business and keeping them out of possible trouble or fights with other canine friends.

Ocean Beach is often overlooked and misunderstood. This area represents a culture of individuals who enjoy a leisure lifestyle, good food, tasty waves, and community gatherings. It is important for USD students to explore areas that they may not necessarily be familiar with because there are always takeaways and memories that can be shared.



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OB Farmers Market on Newport Ave.

Best of Ocean Beach Cuisine

The cuisine found in Ocean Beach is some of the best in San Diego. There are countless delicious restaurant choices, making it almost impossible to choose and go into detail about just one or two. There is a great variety, offering people a range of food choices such as Vegan, Indian, Mexican, Japanese, American, and gluten free meals. Because there are limitless options and so many great spots, here is a list of the top 10 food places put together by your peers who frequent the area. We encourage you to get to Ocean Beach and try out some of these spots.

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| 1. Raglan Public House | 6. South Beach Bar & Grille |
| 2. OB Noodle House | 7. Wonderland Ocean Pub |
| 3. Hodad's | 8. Ranchos Natural Foods |
| 4. The Joint | 9. Nati's Mexican Restaurant |
| 5. Pizza Port OB | 10. Sundara Indian Cuisine |

Adventures in Service: Non-Profit Career Fair

The fall semester at the University of San Diego is filled with a variety of on-campus events, offering students the chance to explore opportunities to listen and interact with professionals. Networking opportunities, such as the career and internship fair this past month, allow students a valuable glimpse into future endeavors or career potentials.

Similar to the career and internship fair, USD will hold Adventures in Service, a non-profit career fair. This non-profit fair will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the UC Forums. Unlike the mandatory professional wear at the career and internship fair, this particular event is a bit more casual, with less emphasis on business attire.

This event presents students with the chance to engage with over 35 organizations. These organizations bring a number of representatives, whose goal is to inform and encourage USD students to consider the many internships, volunteer placement options, gap year programs, and career opportunities that are available.

Representatives from a variety of organizations and service programs hope to educate students about the advantages and positive outcomes if individuals choose to participate.

Students have the choice to opt for a domestic or abroad program, as well as short or long term time frames. Some of the organizations represented will include Peace Corps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Girl Scouts San Diego, American Red Cross, PLACE Corps, HandsOn San Diego, and Feeding America San Diego.

Career Services Events Coordinator Niki Barrios stresses the importance for students to attend these career-oriented events. She notes that this fair is more casual, meant for easy dialogue between alumni, organization representatives, and students.

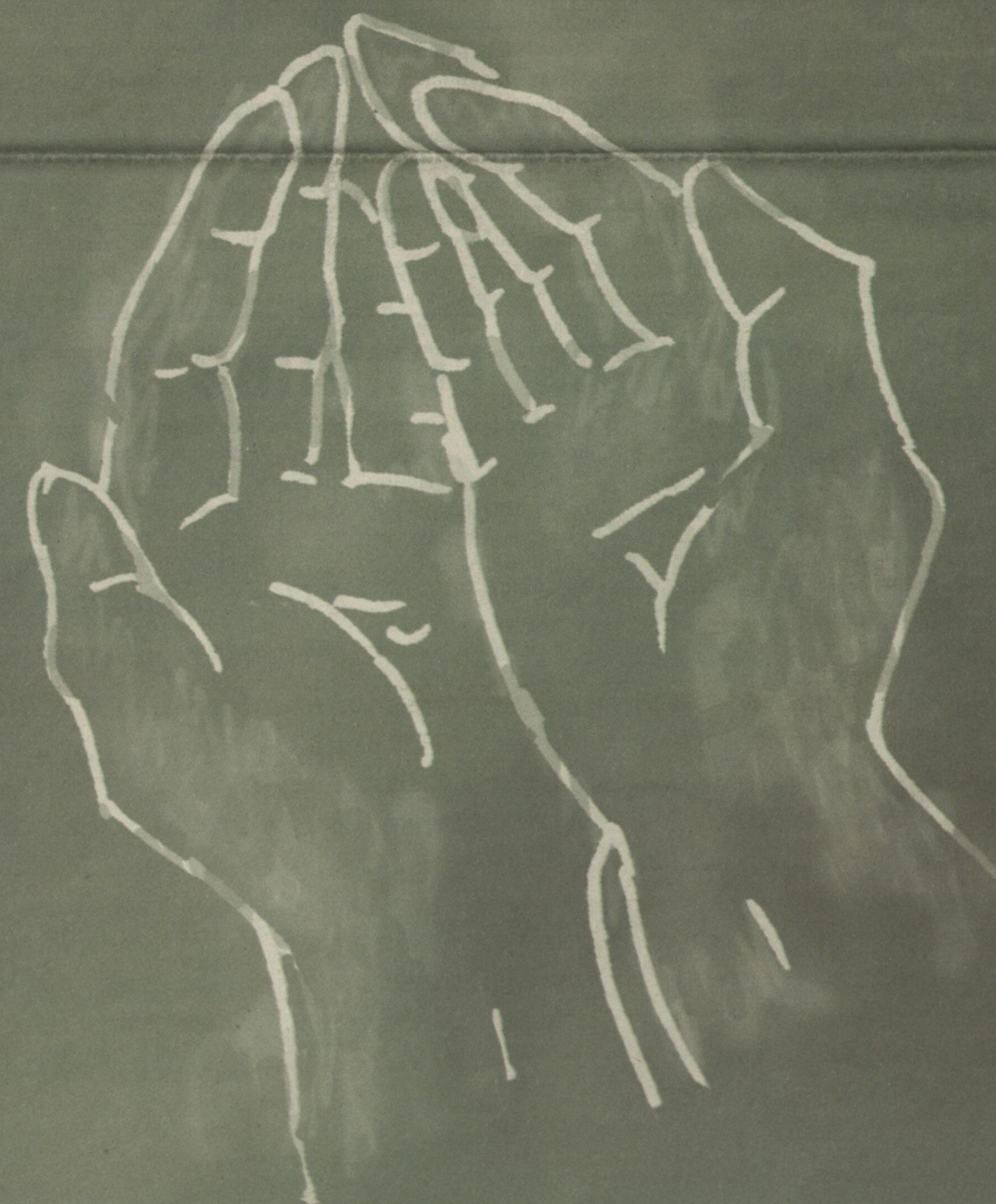
"Alum usually come back so they're actually sitting present at the tables," Barrios said. "It is a really friendly and easy environment to chat with people about the different areas you're interested in."

Barrios elaborated on the diversity of represented careers, and encourages students of all backgrounds and interests to attend.

"We try to make an effort to have groups that represent different subcategories," Barrios said. "So there are some that are more about the environment, and some that are focused on youth development, and some that work with animals. There is kind of a niche for everyone who have different interests allowing students to find something that is specifically beneficial to them."

USD places strong emphasis on career development, volunteer service, and broadening student perspectives outside of USD. Events and fairs such as this one are what set USD students apart from many other schools. Many of our students have the desire and curiosity to step outside the familiar. This ultimately leads to greater understandings for other cultures, religion, language, and everyday activities.

Thursday, Nov. 5
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Although I no longer participate in the world of Snapchatting, I cannot help but be informed about the latest updates by my fellow peers. Snapchat users find humor and excitement toward these new filter effects; throwing up rainbows, talking like a chipmunk, and videotaping in reverse. They appear to enhance the experience of the many dynamic ways in which you can take a selfie. But just in case the media's influence on how you perceive your physical features did not already have an effect on you, be sure to use the contour filter when taking a selfie on Snapchat.

Contour as in the outline of something? Yes, as in the outline of your face being altered through the front camera screen in order to look how the Snapchat creators view a more 'beautifully enhanced' version of your face.

Recently, my friend and I were going through the different front screen filters and I noticed that one of the options consisted of contouring my face. As I held the front screen of her iPhone to scan the outline of my face, the app instantly created a more 'polished' version. My eyes were more prominent, the structure of my face was thinner, and the blemishes on my skin were mostly gone. The face on the Snapchat front screen was the airbrushed, photoshopped, magazine version of my natural self.

I was immediately angered by the fact that this was an actual filter. Staring at ourselves through the selfie screen is already narcissistic enough, but altering how we truly look just makes us more obsessed with our physical features.

Unfortunately, this filter sets a tone for users to be more self-conscious of their appearance and can be used as a confidence booster for all the wrong reasons. It scares me to think that generations younger than mine are already experimenting with these types of fictitious filters that will influence the way they perceive themselves.

As a young, female adult in today's society, the pressure to be physically perfect is definitely a common insecurity, especially with social media. It is often hard at times to remember that it is not all about the perfect jaw line or the high cheek bones or the exotic eye color or the clear skin that makes a person perfect.

It is the quirky personality, the silly smile, the weird facial expressions, the crazy thought process, and the sincere actions that make us unique individuals.

No Snapchat, Instagram, or VSCO cam application can ever filter out who we truly are and we must advocate the vitality of inner beauty.

Alcalá Review kicks off with launch party

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Last Thursday, Oct. 29, the Alcalá Review hosted their first open mic night to introduce the university's official literary journal. The back patio of La Gran Terraza was lit with soft string lights and the fiery words that flickered from the tongues of University of San Diego's most eloquent students.

The Alcalá Review is the student-run official literary journal of USD, and welcomes submissions from all students in the form of poetry, short non-fiction, and short fiction stories. The goal of the journal is to foster a greater appreciation for literary arts among the university's community members.

Senior Miles Parnegg, the nonfiction editor of the Alcalá Review, is proud to be a leader for the project. He emphasizes the critical role the professors in the creative writing department had in making this idea come to life.

"The idea came from... faculty, from Dr. [Halina] Duraj and Dr. [Malachi] Black who felt that the creative writing program got to the place where there were enough interested students and enough committed students where there would be a lot of circulation of student work," Parnegg said. "It really grew out of the popularity of



Photo Courtesy of Alyssa Amezcua

Dr. Black (far right) and the student staff celebrate USD's first literary journal on campus.

the creative writing program."

The founding professors were present at the launch party on Thursday to support the work of the students and everyone who helped to get the project off the ground. The event opened with readings from Adam Veal, an English professor at USD who is a published poet, and Hanna Tawater, an MFA student at UCSD whose work is widely published.

Afterwards, the floor was opened up to anyone in attendance who wished to read. Of the 60 or so attendees, around 20 students stood behind the podium, opening themselves up to the acceptance of an attentive audience. The mixture of pieces shared included personal poetry, slam poetry,

short stories, memoirs, nonfiction essays, and even a German poem.

After the last contributor sat down, the raffle winners were announced. A fundraiser for the Alcalá Review, the raffle included a gift basket, a signed copy of John Jeremiah Sullivan's book, "Pulphed," and a copy of "When My Brother was An Aztec" by Natalie Diaz, who will be the next speaker at the Cropper Memorial Series.

Parnegg was happy with the success of the event, especially with the amount of students who stood up to read their work, and looks forward to the growth of campus creativity.

"We had a lot of people sign up near the end which was

cool because I think people saw that it's not terrifying," Parnegg said. "It's about time there was some art on campus, and this is where it's going to start."

For those who missed the first open mic of the semester, the members of the Alcalá Review are planning on hosting another after Thanksgiving, during the first week of December. For anyone interested in submitting work to the journal, the priority deadline for submissions is Nov. 15. The submission guidelines are on the Alcalá Review page of the USD English department website. This is an opportunity for students to expand their writing experience, and possibly be published in an official literary journal.

Old traditions continue in Old Town

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Within the Mexican culture, Dia de los Muertos, also referred to as the day of the dead, is a highly anticipated time of year. This is a time to celebrate, honor, and remember the lives of lost loved ones. With such a prevalent Mexican culture within the San Diego community, the large amount of people who wish to celebrate this holiday should come as no surprise.

Dia de los Muertos is a

three day weekend celebration where hundreds of people, including many Toreros, venture to Old Town to join the festivities.

During the daytime on Oct. 30-31, the streets were filled with families exploring the variety of vendors and what they had to offer. One of the more popular activities, especially amongst children, was face painting.

Many festival goers would have their faces painted to replicate the sugar skulls from the dia de los muertos tradition. There were also many vendors selling flowers for people to

place beside the graves of loved ones. Another way for people to honor the death of loved ones was by writing their name

On Monday, Nov. 2, the final evening of the celebration, the streets began to fill just after sunset.

"The cultural outfits were awesome because it epitomized the dedication and knowledge the participants have for their culture"

- Tamar Tellado



Abby Gentry/The USD Vista

Participants of the festival displayed 'lady of the dead'.

on a popsicle stick and placing it in a display box of flowers.

Sophomore Tamar Tellado shared in the cultural experience at Old Town with fellow Toreros.

"The festival was very joyous and vibrant," Tellado said. "Despite it being labeled 'day of the dead' the celebration of souls was so colorful. The cultural outfits were awesome because it epitomized the dedication and knowledge the participants have for their culture. There were lots of families there who were celebrating their deceased loved ones. The intricate face paintings resembled a skeleton but the sparkles and floral designs added a colorful vibe."

Outside of The Church of the Immaculate Conception, many men, women, and children were dressed in costume with their faces painted to resemble the 'lady of the dead.'

After posing for photos and mingling with the crowd, those who dressed up for the occasion led the parade and marched down the street in Old Town. Eventually the parade ended up in the Old Town cemetery where festival goers took a moment to celebrate and honor the lives of lost loved ones.

There was a mass service in the Church of the Immaculate Conception to continue the celebration of life through prayer and religious practice.

Setting the pace for Sundance Film Festival

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When professor Roger Pace, PhD. and professor Eric Pierson, PhD., realized they had similar interests in film, they proposed taking a class of University of San Diego students to the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. After receiving approval from the dean and posting flyers around campus, they walked down the hallway to their first informational meeting, wondering if anyone would attend.

As Pace and Pierson turned the corner, they found a crowd of 45 students pushing their way into the classroom.

"That was a defining moment for me," Pace said. "That's when we knew this was going to work."

Pace, the Communication Studies Department Chair, spoke to a classroom of students last Thursday about the three-credit upper-division intersession course he teaches with Pierson each January at the Sundance Film Festival. He discussed the origin of the festival, information about the course, and notable memories from his experience.

The festival, which was originally held in Salt Lake City, moved to the ski resort town of Park City in 1981. The organizers, among them actor Robert

Redford, wanted independent films to be the focus of the event.

Pace explained how the name Sundance Film Festival came from Redford's character in the film "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

"Independent films are

photograph from the early days of the festival of Redford handing out tickets in front of an Egyptian statue trying to get people to come watch movies.

"Every screen gets sold out now," Pace said. "People no longer have to stand

USD students to Sundance.

There are no prerequisites for the course. In the past, they have had a variety of majors represented, including Communication Studies, English, and Theater. Acceptance into the course is determined on a

"One of my favorite things about the festival is that the stars and directors often come out to talk after the film shows," Pace said.

Pace recounted an event during last year's festival while waiting for a producer of "The D Train" to come out after the film finished playing. A Sundance employee walked onto stage to tell the disappointed audience that the producer was not able to make it.

"Jack Black (one of the movie's stars) then came out in Kung Fu mode, shouting at people, hugging the audience members, and giving everyone high fives," Pace said. "It was the single funniest review of a film I have ever seen."

Pace and Pierson have a debriefing with the students when they return to USD to discuss these moments and the overall Sundance experience.

Their reactions are usually gratifying and enthusiastic," Pace said. "That's why they tell their friends to come the next year."

Pace and Pierson have a tradition every year on the plane ride home, in which they discuss whether they want to teach this course again.

"Every year it has been a very short conversation," Pace said. "Bringing students to the Sundance Film Festival is the most enjoyable academic thing I do all year."

"Independent films are hard to define [...] They are independent in financing. They focus on subject matter that Hollywood is afraid people won't go see. They are produced by people who Hollywood shuts out, such as Native Americans"

- Roger Pace, PhD.

hard to define, but films can be independent in three ways," said Pace said. "They are independent in financing. They focus on subject matter that Hollywood is afraid people won't go see. They are produced by people who Hollywood shuts out, such as Native Americans."

According to Pace, Sundance's mission is to give a chance to filmmakers who do not usually have one.

"The purpose of Sundance is to make films that Hollywood doesn't want to make," Pace said. "It allows voices to be heard that are not traditionally heard in theaters."

Pace mentioned a famous

outside and give away tickets."

The producers of Sundance pre-screen around 4,000 films and admit 174 films, so it is increasingly difficult for films to be noticed and accepted into the festival.

"Everyone tries to get into the big-name movies, so they sell out quickly," Pace said.

"We require students to see at least 10 to 15 films, but most see more. We discourage them from seeing too many premieres."

This January will mark the 12th year that Pace and Pierson have been accompanying students to the festival. During the previous 11 years combined, they have taken about 300

first-come, first-served basis.

"Some of students have a background in film, and some don't know anything about it," Pace said. "A small number of them get interested in making films, and some even make it into the field. The festival isn't about people who are interested in the profession. It's about the appreciation of the profession."

To complete their coursework, Pace and Pierson turn a hotel conference room into a classroom. They talk about film and teach the students how to properly write film reviews.

When the Sundance officially begins, they blend the coursework into the festival.

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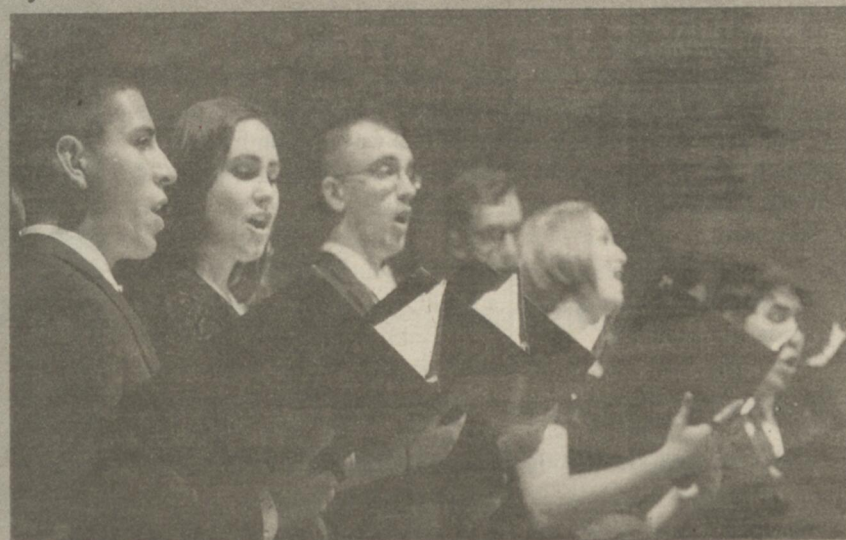


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The University of San Diego Choral Scholars performed their fall concert 'Hymns at Heaven's Gate' on Sunday, Nov. 1 in Shiley Theatre. The ensemble is under the direction of Emilie Amrein, PhD. The scholars performed a variety of pieces from various collections from all around the world. Some of the pieces include "Wanting Memories," "God Be In My Head," "Ave Verum Corpus," and "Sonnet 29." Several of the pieces performed by the choir were also conducted by student conductors.



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Studying abroad in London, England this past summer has definitely been one of the highlights of my experience so far here at USD. I chose to study in London mainly due to the fact that the city has so much to offer a student. London is so large and diverse, I tried to branch out and experience as much of the city as I could.

As with several other countries within the European Union, London has a great and efficient underground transport system. With the London Underground, more commonly known as the Tube, all of the districts within the city are easily accessible, as long as you don't get trapped in a train car doorway like I did — but that's another story. Fares for the Tube are reasonably priced when compared to paying for alternative methods of transportation such as cabs.

One of the main things London is known for is its plays. The two plays I saw along with the rest of my class were "Death of a Salesman" and "Everyman," both of which were fantastic.

As for the food in London, you may be surprised to hear that it was some of the best I've ever had. While traditional English fare didn't make the top of the list of my favorite meals in London, the city is so diverse that you can really find any type of food, with countless options. Restaurants of every type of food seem to be able to make good business in London, as walking down nearly any given street, you can find foods from a wide variety of cultures. The city is especially known for having some of the best and most authentic Indian and Bangladeshi food, and I can attest to this.

London has amazing food markets too, my favorite being Borough Market. Here, you can easily satisfy any craving. If you ever go abroad to London, this is not a market to pass up.

Perhaps my favorite area to spend time in was Covent Garden, an open piazza with great shopping, restaurants, and even a small market. It's a great place to spend an afternoon, especially if you're searching for a delicious snack (may I recommend Ben's Cookies?).

While my experience was priceless, London is definitely an expensive place to visit, especially considering the currency exchange rate.

These are just some of my favorite experiences from my time in London. If you ever make it there, I highly recommend visiting these places.

Wherever you plan on going, if you have the opportunity to study abroad, seize it.

ATMs get a promising facelift

Citigroup announces that they are beta-testing an eye scanning ATM

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The eye-scanning ATM is here. Well, not exactly. Citigroup Inc. is currently beta testing a cardless ATM that would allow customers to withdraw money by simply scanning their eye.

According to the Huffington Post, cash is still the most common form of payment for most Americans.

However, over the last several years, debit cards have been a common alternative to cash which have been widely used by students at the University of San Diego.

Although this new eye-scanning technology sounds similar to something out of a science fiction film, it turns out that it's not.

In fact, other large banks such as JPMorgan and Bank of America have also tried to create their own version of a cardless ATM.

How does this new technology work?

First, customers would check the Citigroup mobile app on their smartphone or tablet ahead of time to sign in and select how much money they want to withdraw. Then, they would approach the ATM, which would quickly scan their iris to verify their identity.

The ATM would connect to the app and spit out the right amount of cash. According to Citigroup, the entire transaction will occur all within 10 seconds.

If this technology is proven effective and safe, other large banks have said they might include a similar technology in their ATMs.

When asked about the cardless ATMs, students at USD had positive reactions towards this new technology. Although some students remained skeptical about the eye-scanning procedure, most agreed that newer technology adds value to a seamless banking experience.

Freshman Andrew Higgins shared his thoughts on the cardless ATM.

"More and more people are using mobile and online banking," Higgins said. "It makes sense that we only continue to use the newer forms of technology."

Convenience is what many customers look for in new products and services, according to Citigroup.

Banks are looking for new ways to secure consumers' access to their cash rather than using the ATM card which has become a staple in consumers' wallets for many years.

Apart from the convenience of new technologies, many students argue the safety of

the account holder needs to be first and foremost with this new technology.

Senior Colton Michael Moore questioned the legitimacy of the eye-scanning process. Moore is concerned with the

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—Andrew Higgins

information attached to the voice and facial recognition features.

"I would like to know who has access to the eye-scanning process," Moore said. "Do the banks safeguard this information or do they outsource it to another company?"

Safety features have been an important discourse among banks. There has been a gradual evolution in the way banks operate their ATMs.

It began as simple debit cards and PINS and now there are debit cards that have embedded microchips for easier and more secure payments.

Citibank in Los Angeles and BMO Harris Bank in Chicago and New York have already implemented cardless ATMs.

These cardless ATMs may not have an eye-recognition feature, but they do have a feature that allows their smartphone to mimic the debit

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card by using a QR code.

The QR code acts as a fingerprint and is unique to an individual transaction, according to BMO Harris Bank.

This QR code method takes 15 seconds as opposed to a 45 second

traditional ATM withdrawal.

Freshman Katarina Basil wants to know the how much time it takes to get the money in your hand, from opening the app and logging in to getting the cash in your hands.

"Even the fastest app requires startup time, and I think just because the eye scan is quick, doesn't necessarily mean the current process of swiping a card and entering a PIN is worse."

—Katarina Basil

"How long does the entire phone pre-ordering process take?" Basil said. "Even the fastest app requires startup time, and I think just because the eye scan is quick, doesn't necessarily mean the current process of swiping a card and entering a PIN is worse."

The cardless ATMs can

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even be a great feature for those students who travel abroad, since there won't be a need to carry a debit card everywhere you go.

This is great news especially since this new eye-scanning ATM is available in Canada's Bank of Montreal. India's ICICI banks have adopted a similar

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smartphone QR code approach and are currently being used.

This eye-scanning ATM might sound like something out of a James Bond or Back to the Future movie, but this is slowly becoming the facelift of the aging ATM machine many

of us have used in the past.

Whether, the technology is available in the near or distant future, there are still ways to obtain a seamless banking experience.

The University of San Diego has its own campus banking center run by U.S. Bank which is located in the Hahn University Center. Here, students are allowed to access all their banking needs which include opening a checking or savings account.

Students can even turn their Torero Card into their everyday banking card.

Once you've opened your checking account with U.S. Bank, simply bring your Torero Card to any U.S. Bank branch and ask to have it connected

to your checking account. Your Torero Card will be PIN-based just like a debit card.

Although this eye scanning technology is still in beta testing, students have shown their content as well as their discomfort with these cardless features.

However, there are other technologies in place to help students' expand their financial knowledge while still being in tact with the latest in technology.

Whether your plan is to be a pioneer for the eye-scanning ATM, turn your Torero Card into your bank card, or seek information about financing your trip abroad, be sure to stay up to date.

It is important to know the sources that are available to you to help ensure that your banking experience will be seamless.



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Eyelock iris authentication soon to be ATMs latest security feature

Preparing for studying abroad

Tips and resources for your time outside of the US

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Studying abroad is one of the many great opportunities you have as a student at the University of San Diego. It is arguably one of the best decisions a student can make, especially considering that USD is ranked second in the nation for undergraduate study abroad programs.

A lot of planning must go into going abroad to make sure you have the best experience possible. This being said, there are a lot of resources available to you as a student abroad that can help make your travels smoother and more enjoyable.

First of all, it's important to remember to notify your bank when you're planning to go abroad. It's a good idea to bring your debit or credit card with you while studying abroad so that you are able to withdraw cash. The average fee you may be charged for withdrawing cash from an ATM abroad is about \$10 throughout the European Union, although fees will vary.

ATM fees can add up quickly, so it's a good idea to figure out an alternative method to get cash.

Some banks such as Bank of America allow you to access sister banks in the country you are staying in to withdraw cash free of charge. You can research online if your bank has a sister bank in the country you're travelling to. Some banks also offer an international plan to waive fees at the ATM.

It's always a smart idea to always have some cash on you in case of an emergency, particularly in countries where cash is the most common form of payment, such as in England, France, or Italy. You'll want to have cash on hand for whenever you need to quickly grab a taxi or top-up on your metro card.

It may even be worth your time to open up an account with an international bank if your own bank doesn't have international sister banks.

This will be especially useful if you plan on studying abroad

budgeting apps is that they're also all free.

If you have an iPhone or other smartphone, with the apps such as Forever Map 2, city maps and GPS services can be used anywhere internationally without an internet connection. This particular app only costs \$2.99 and makes it convenient to not have to carry around a physical map or cause you to stress about using up all of your cell phone's data plan.

in that are budget-friendly. You can even do research to find out if there are free tours offered by local organizations and companies in the city you're visiting.

Many students do not take advantage of the fact that studying abroad can even boost your resumé.

Going abroad shows employers that you're not only worldly and have personal experience with interacting with

a student of USD. By allowing you to be completely immersed in a new and different culture, this will provide you with experiences and opportunities that you may not otherwise have in the US.

Make sure to plan well ahead so that you can have a safe, organized, and overall amazing experience.

Using apps and resources such as these will guarantee that you have



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Going abroad is the one of the most unique opportunities available to USD students.

Junior Kaylan Rothrock is currently studying abroad in Spain for the the semester, and recommends a particular app to those planning on studying in Madrid.

"The app I use the most is Moovit, which is a transportation app for Madrid," Rothrock said. "It shows where all the metro stops are, when the next buses are coming, which metro lines connect to which, and the best way to get to certain locations using the bus or metro and how long it will take."

Moovit is just one example of the various free apps that provide maps of public transportation services. This app in particular also does not require your phone to be connected to Wi-Fi or internet.

Rothrock also had advice for students going abroad about getting

different cultures, but it also demonstrates your ability to adapt to new experiences and situations. Not only will you be able to make friends from around the world, but this experience will also enhance your overall educational experience as

an amazing time abroad and that you won't have to sweat the small stuff.

These are just some of the important tips and resources that you should take advantage of to ensure that you stay on top of your study abroad planning.

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for an entire semester or longer.

If you are planning to take any side trips to countries other than the one you'll be staying in, plan ahead as much as possible to cut costs. Remember that the earlier you purchase your plane tickets, the cheaper they will be. You can also use some websites to search for and book cheaper flights.

The company Ryanair, for example, offers the cheapest available flights around countries in Europe.

If you're taking a trip to a country that uses a different form of currency, make sure to exchange some money before you leave your host country so that you have some cash on hand for where you'll be travelling to.

Of course, be sure to keep a sharp eye on your budget. Try and set a spending limit each week to save some spending room for spontaneous adventures; you'll never know when you need that extra 10 or 20 when that delicious-looking local food is calling your name.

You can use apps such as Pocket Expense, Spending Tracker, and Mint to help you keep track of all of your spending abroad and to make sure that you stick to your budget plan. The best part of these

updated credit cards with microchips, which is the standard form of payment card for most European countries.

"Another tip for people studying abroad is to get a credit card with a chip in it," Rothrock said. "I know a lot of people had trouble with certain cards like American Express, which are not accepted in many stores, especially small Spanish shops. I have a Chase Visa credit card and I've never had a problem with it and I don't have to enter in a pin number every time I make a transaction, which I know some people have to with their credit cards and it makes you more at risk."

As for communicating with friends and family back in the U.S., apps such as Whatsapp and Viber allow you to call and text internationally for free.

With websites such as Timeout, you can find out all of the fun and often free events and festivals going on in they city you're staying in. This website especially is a great resource to find events that will allow you to mix with locals and avoid places that are heavily populated by tourists.

Resources such as this allow you to easily find fun, local events to partake



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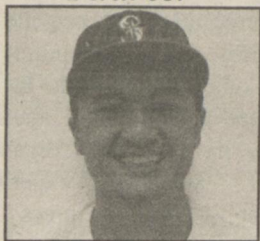
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Green light for the Padres?



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This week in sports news: the San Diego Padres have hired a new manager. Andy Green was poached from his job as the Arizona Diamondbacks' third base coach to be the new skipper of a perennially disappointing team.

On the surface, this is an exciting move that signals a new direction for the franchise. But let's be real, bringing in a new manager won't change the Padres' historic misfortune. It's not like he can play shortstop, or eat up the chunk of innings that the back of the rotation can't stomach.

In reality, Green will probably make minor changes to the team's practice habits or bring a new philosophy regarding sacrifice bunts and substitution tactics.

But the manager of a baseball team doesn't turn double plays or hit three-run home runs. A manager merely decides which players in his clubhouse give him the best chance of doing those things.

Let's remember that this is the first time since 2006 that the Padres have had a full-time manager not named Bud Black. During his tenure, Black did a fine job, but was unable to bring the Padres to the playoffs.

So to think that a new manager can magically improve this team is a foolish thought. Padres fans should be happy if the team shows any signs of life and simply demonstrates a competent ability to hit the baseball. In 2015, the Padres ranked 26 out of all 30 MLB teams in contact rate, a statistic which measures how often a team's hitters make contact when at the plate.

As a lifelong fan of the Seattle Mariners, I've seen a lot of bad baseball in my day. But the thing that separates the Mariners and the Padres to me is the level of intrigue.

In recent years the Mariners have employed flashy superstars like Ichiro and Felix Hernandez. The Padres best hitter of the last decade was Adrian Gonzalez, known for his quiet, unassuming nature rather than for bat flips or juicy soundbites.

Even the Padres' uniforms have become drab and uncreative, and now they don't even have a manager with a cool alliterative name like Bud Black. So here's to Andy Green, who continues the trend of Padres managers who are named after colors, but hopefully won't continue the trend of not winning baseball games.

Men's soccer surges to top of the WCC *Toreros' six match winning streak came after crucial team meeting*

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On Sept. 27, the University of San Diego men's soccer team suffered a 4-0 loss to the Santa Barbara Gauchos in front of over 2,000 enemy fans. The loss to UCSB was the second game in a row in which the Toreros were shut out, and it dropped their overall record to 4-4-2. While conference play had yet to begin, the team found its season hanging in the balance.

After getting dominated in their last non-conference game, the team had 12 days to prepare for their West Coast Conference opener. It was during this time period that the players and coaches came together and vowed to save what was starting to look like a disastrous season.

Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Thomas Olsen knew that something had to change if his team was going to have any sort of success over the rest of their rigorous schedule.

"I think we all felt we under performed at UCSB," Olsen said. "No one thinks we are four goals worse than they are, and I think it was kind of a wake up call. There was no real pep talk or anything after the loss. We just hate to lose and think that has been driving us forward."

The first game of the WCC schedule came on a Saturday night at Torero Stadium. The Loyola Marymount University Lions headed south to clash with the Toreros.

By the end of the night the fans in attendance were reminded why USD has been so successful during the 37 year run of head coach Seamus McFadden.

Perhaps playing with extra motivation after the shaky start to

the season and the embarrassing defeat in Santa Barbara, the boys came out with intensity and were able to net two goals in the first 16 minutes of the game.

The first score of the night came in the game's sixth minute when junior midfielder Michael Turner threaded a pass to sophomore midfielder Djordje Babic.

Despite being hounded by LMU defenders, Babic was able to hit a left-footed one timer past the Lions' goalkeeper. Turner added to that assist by scoring a goal of his own off a corner kick less than 10 minutes later.

With two early goals serving as a cushion, the Toreros were able to easily handle their opponent's offensive attack. The defense allowed LMU to get only three shots on goal, while not conceding a goal in open play.

The only tally of the night for the visitors came on a penalty kick after a third USD goal had effectively put the game out of reach already. The 3-1 victory snapped a three match losing streak to the conference foes in Los Angeles.

Olsen spoke about the importance of the triumph against the Lions in terms of getting everyone back on track.

"I think they [LMU] are the hardest game in our conference," Olsen said. "Winning that game can really push you in the right direction for conference [play]. We felt like it was a must to get a convincing win after the loss [to UCSB]."

The energy from this momentous victory carried over into the Toreros' next match against the University of Portland Pilots on Oct. 16.

In stark contrast to the comfortable victory against LMU, this match was much more nerve-

racking for everyone in Torero Stadium. Luckily, USD prevailed by a final score of 3-2 despite losing senior defender Jose Merlo to a red card in the 56th minute.

Again, the Toreros got off to a hot start, knocking home two goals in the first 22 minutes. The Pilots soared back to tie the game with two quick goals of their own in a span of less than two minutes. The back and forth pace of the first half set the stage for a wild final 45 minutes, which featured a thrilling finish.

With their foot firmly planted on the accelerator, USD fired 12 shots in the match's second half. They finally got one to hit the back of the net when sophomore forward Patrick McGrath headed in a cross from Turner with just 15 minutes left in regulation.

These wins against LMU and Portland were parlayed with a 3-1 victory over Gonzaga to bring the Toreros' conference record to a perfect 3-0-0.

The highlight of the game came when redshirt junior midfielder Ryan Camara bailed out his goalkeeper Thomas Olsen, who had come off his line, by deflecting a Gonzaga shot away from the net in the game's early stage. This kept the Bulldogs off the scoreboard until the 79th minute, at which point USD had already put three balls past the Gonzaga goalkeeper.

A win in Nashville, Tenn. against the Lipscomb Bisons kept the winning streak alive. It was the fourth game in a row in which the Toreros scored three times. Three has been a magic number for coach McFadden's team, as they are undefeated this year when scoring at least a trio of goals.

Senior midfielder and team co-captain Connor O'Neill

revealed that the offense has really come together recently.

"We've really found our feet trying to keep possession of the ball and create holes in their defense for easy opportunities," O'Neill said. "The whole team got on board and our practices and games have been at a different level."

This high level of play continued into November as the Toreros earned victories on the road against fellow WCC members in the Pacific Tigers and Saint Mary's Gaels. The weekend sweep pushed USD's winning streak to six matches and kept them unbeaten in conference play.

With the team sitting in first place in the West Coast Conference, things have turned around completely since being obliterated a month ago in Santa Barbara.

The cherry on top of this winning sundae came when Michael Turner was named WCC Player of the Week. Moving forward, the Toreros will hope to become the WCC team of the year.

O'Neill pointed out that this goal looked like a far reach from reality only a month ago.

"We weren't working hard enough [earlier in the season] and if we continued to play the way we had, we could kiss the conference and the tournament goodbye," O'Neill said. "Darragh Vieyra, our captain, and I called a team meeting in an attempt to motivate and inspire our team. We told the guys that we have got to start playing to our ability."

If the Toreros ride this unpredictable season all the way to the NCAA Tournament, this team meeting will be remembered as one of the true turning points of the 2015 season.

Team Leaders

Goals:

Keegan Smith	7
Djordje Babic	4
Torrey DeArmas	4
Michael Turner	4

Assists:

Djordje Babic	5
Michael Turner	5
Eric Budniewski	3
Keegan Smith	3

Points:

Keegan Smith	17
Djordje Babic	13
Michael Turner	13
Torrey DeArmas	10



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Junior midfielder Michael Turner, a San Diego native from Cathedral Catholic High School, was named WCC Player of the Week.

Chargers to file relocation papers

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It has been a trying season for the San Diego Chargers, to be sure. Following an offseason filled with crumbling contract negotiations and the looming possibility of the team's move to Los Angeles, the Bolts have done little to convince San Diego to fight to keep its football franchise. Sitting in last place in the AFC West at just 2-6, the team has seemed to demonstrate a knack for falling heartbreakingly short of victories.

A touchdown run by the Steelers on the last play of the game. The Packers' goal line stand to preserve a single-score lead. A last-second field goal by the Ravens this past Sunday. An embarrassing loss to the rival Raiders that was never as close as the final score might indicate.

These were just two-thirds of the team's losses, and halfway through the season the they appear destined for one of the worst records in the conference.

Now, it appears the organization may even fall short of fans' hopes of remaining in town beyond the 2015 season. In a radio interview with The Mighty 1090 this past week, team counsel Mark Fabiani announced the team's intent to file relocation papers for Los Angeles in January.

This news came in spite of perceived progress on possible stadium plans both downtown and on the grounds of the Chargers' current home in Mission Valley.

These plans, of course, do not at all solidify a move to Los Angeles. The biggest motive behind filing for relocation remains the ability to keep pace in the race to L.A. with the Raiders and the Rams, both of whom also appear to be vying for a spot in sunny Southern California in the

Chargers' Last Four Games			
Date	Opponent	Final Score	Result
Monday, Oct .12	Pittsburgh	24-20	Loss
Sunday, Oct. 18	Green Bay*	27-20	Loss
Sunday, Oct. 25	Oakland	37-29	Loss
Sunday, Nov. 1	Baltimore*	29-26	Loss
*road game			

future.

"If everything is moving ahead, obviously we're not going to be standing on the sidelines and watching everything go by," Fabiani said.

By not filing necessary paperwork, the Chargers would put themselves in a situation that would leave them without a home and threaten the franchise as a whole if plans to remain in San Diego cannot be worked out.

Unfortunately, this, also appears to be the view of the few stubborn and optimistic fans left in the game. The realistic fact of the matter is that, come January, the Chargers will file forms asking the NFL for permission to move to Los Angeles.

Chargers owner Dean Spanos is rumored to have several friends in the league office that would help push through an L.A.-directed initiative.

Spanos has also made a clear effort on several occasions to find fault in stadium plans proposed by the city, demonstrating what has been described as a desire to leave San Diego unless a magical stadium solution becomes plausible.

This perception has frustrated longtime Bolts fans such as the ones that filled the downtown Spreckels Theater just

a few days after the relocation announcement was made. At the meeting, Chargers fans were given a chance to make their voice heard to Fabiani and other representatives from the NFL offices, such as executive vice president Eric Grubman.

The meeting was long on frustration and short on rationale, but the fans ultimately left feeling as though they had successfully aired their anger with the franchise.

Chargers fans here on campus have expressed similar sentiments regarding the situation. Most, such as sophomore Bryce Henry, have expected an eventual move because of the tensions created by ongoing stadium negotiations with the city.

"It's not surprising since Qualcomm has needed to be revamped or torn down for almost 10 years now," Henry said. "Plans for a new stadium have not been to the liking of the city or the team."

In spite of this, many also admit that it will hard to see the hometown team leave.

Engineering student Chandler Rogers described his reaction to the possibility of a move.

"I was very sad because I grew up a Chargers fan and it felt

like a huge part of San Diego was being taken away," Rogers said.

Most college-age fans are old enough to remember the 2007 and 2008 playoff runs, and the heroic exploits of franchise cornerstones like LaDainian Tomlinson, Antonio Gates, Darren Sproles, and Vincent Jackson are still fresh in their minds.

Will these memories be enough to keep fans around if the team does move? When asked, Rogers responded with a definitive yes.

"I will always be a Chargers fan," Rogers said. "It can be hard sometimes, and it will definitely be rough after the move, but I'll stick with my team."

Henry echoed this sentiment.

"Emotionally it'll be hard," Henry said. "If I'm being honest, they're the only team I've ever rooted for."

Now the attention will swing once again toward the city and their attempts to find a reasonable solution to the Chargers' longtime stadium woes. The franchise has shown favoritism towards a downtown site that would build off of the current convention center.

If this were to come to fruition, it would likely take some

architectural squeezing because of the real estate obstacles of the crowded downtown area.

The city's preferred site of Mission Valley, meanwhile, must take into account tough-to-meet environmental regulations. These regulations would require a review process that would be lengthy and time-consuming.

It is worth noting that Governor Jerry Brown has expedited the review process in a last-ditch effort to keep the team in the 619.

Chargers fans still have hopes of continuing to root for the blue-and-gold in a new, local stadium.

The team has been in San Diego for almost 50 years, and as a result fans will not let them go without a fight. However, given the attitude of team brass, the NFL's legitimate desire for multiple L.A. franchises in the near future, and the Bolts' ongoing struggles this season, the hope of keeping the Chargers in America's Finest City appears to be dying.

Rather than going out in a flash, the Chargers' light is beginning to flicker out. The San Diego faithful will soon have to confront the very real possibility of watching their team head north as early as next year.



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Left: Philip Rivers has been one of the most beleoved quarterbacks in Chargers' history. Right: Antonio Gates has put together a Hall of Fame career in San Diego.

San Diego Gulls extinguish the Stockton Heat

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The San Diego Gulls, an American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate that feeds into the Anaheim Ducks, got a little too rowdy this Halloween. They were taking on the Stockton Heat, the AHL affiliate to the Calgary Flames, and received a penalty straight from the face-off. This game against Stockton on Oct. 30 saw some big hits and lots of penalties amid a sizeable crowd of monsters, witches, referees, and zombies.

The Gulls emerged in both back-to-back games against the Heat this weekend, with an exciting shootout victory on Friday night followed by another win Saturday night. Both games were a 3-2 victory for the Gulls.

Within the first five minutes of play, the Gulls received multiple penalties and provided the Heat with a five on three power play opportunity for a full two minutes. With one minute to go in the first period, the Gulls received their best chance of the game.

A Gulls shot was able to slip through the legs of Heat goalie John Gillies who thought he had covered the puck. Gillies quickly realized the puck had snuck through and was able to make a diving attempt to keep the puck from crossing the line. Despite a constant back and forth game, both goalies came up with some big saves and the first period remained scoreless.

The action continued into

the second period when Gulls' left wing Harry Zolnierczyk took off on a breakaway only to have his shot blocked away by Gillies' pad. Throughout the majority of the period, both teams couldn't find the back of the net.

At 14:38 in the second period the Gulls' were given a power play after Emile Proire's penalty for interference. On the pursuing power play Gulls' rookie left wing Nick Ritchie was able to gather a rebound in front on the Heat net and turn it past Gillies for a 1-0 lead.

Four minutes later the Gulls looked to double their lead on another power play but it was the Heat's 23 year-old left wing Bryce Van Brabant who converted on a turn around slap shot through the legs of Gulls' goaltender John Gibson.

Twenty eight seconds later, on the remaining powerplay, the Gulls were able to take back the lead. Left wing Max Friberg put home a loose puck after center Antoine Langanieri's shot rebounded to him.

Senior Telly Korbakes was excited to see Gulls' goaltender John Gibson play. 21 year old Gibson played the entirety of the 2014-2015 season with the Anaheim Ducks and is proving to be a valuable asset this year for the Gulls.

"Their goalie [Gibson] has seen some NHL action," Korbakes said. "He's pretty solid in net and is proving to be a great asset to the organization."

Despite Gibson's NHL pedigree, the Gulls made a change in net and rookie Matt Hackett replaced Gibson to start the third period. Gibson saw little

action throughout the period and was left stranded when he tried to poke check the puck away from Heat Center Bill Arnold.

Arnold took advantage of the sprawling Hackett was able to slide the puck past his outstretched pad and tie the game at 2-2.

The level of play is challenging and highly competitive, but there are discrepancies between AHL and NHL level play. Senior Tom Robinson knows most of the Gulls are rookies, but also knows that he is supporting potential big leaguers.

"I haven't been to too many hockey games but you could definitely tell they were minor leaguers," Robinson said. "A lot of the guys were really young so maybe with some development they could get there. There were a couple very good players though that you could think are ready soon."

With the third period coming to a conclusion the Gulls were going to have to rely on some of those good, young players in the sudden death 3-on-3 five minute overtime period to follow.

As was the theme of the night, the action was non-stop right from the face-off. Gulls center Chris Mueller got a breakaway three minutes in but his low wrist shot was fought off by the Heat's Gillies.

The Gulls then received a penalty for too many men on the ice with two minutes remaining, giving the Heat a 4-on-3 advantage. The Heat couldn't overpower the Gulls defense however, so overtime ultimately ended scoreless, further extending



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The Gulls face off against the Heat in their 3-2 shootout victory.

the game and sending it into a shootout.

Fans rose to their feet and cheered on Noesen, Ritchie, Friberg, and finally the game winning scorer. Center Mike Sgarbossa provided the winning tally as he went out wide right then faked out Gillies with a beautiful wrist shot right between his legs. The Heat went scoreless in the shootout with several strong saves from Hackett.

Robinson can't wait for the next two dollar beer Friday and hopes the games will remain rowdy and entertaining with lots of penalties and even more fans. Each Friday for the Gulls hockey games, the Valley View Casino Center offers \$2 Bud Lights for 21+ attendees, starting two hours

before the game and lasting one hour after puck drop.

The goal is to attract a fanbase for the new franchise and provide some entertainment as fans stock up on beer to get the professional sports arena spectator feel.

"It was a chippy game all night," Robinson said. "Some really big hits, so it was a really intense atmosphere and the crowd was really into it which made it a lot of fun. I already have a wad of two dollar bills for the next game."

The Gulls are currently 6-1-0 in their season, their only loss on the road at Bakersfield. The next weekend matchup will be against the San Jose Barracudas on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7:05 p.m.

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